AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescent device in which an organic thin film layer comprising a single layer or plural layers comprising a phosphorescent light-emitting layer comprising at least a host material and a phosphorescent organic metal complex is interposed between a cathode and an anode, wherein the total of halogen element mass concentrations of bromine, iodine and chlorine which are contained as impurities in the host material of the phosphorescent light-emitting layer is 50 ppm or less.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescent device in which an organic thin film layer comprising a single layer or plural layers comprising a phosphorescent light-emitting layer comprising at least a host material and a phosphorescent organic metal complex is interposed between a cathode and an anode, wherein the total of halogen element mass concentrations of bromine and iodine which are contained as impurities in the host material of the phosphorescent light-emitting layer is 40 ppm or less.

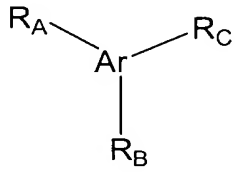
Claim 3 (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescent device in which an organic thin film layer comprising a single layer or plural layers comprising a phosphorescent light-emitting layer comprising at least a host material and a phosphorescent organic metal complex is interposed between a cathode and an anode, wherein a halogen element mass concentration of bromine which is contained as an impurity in the host material of the phosphorescent light-emitting layer is 30 ppm or less.

Claim 4 (Original) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 1, wherein the total of halogen element mass concentrations of bromine, iodine and chlorine is 5 ppm or less.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 1, wherein a lower limit of the total of the halogen element mass concentrations described above is 1 ppb.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 3, wherein the light-emitting layer described above contains at least one selected from phosphorescent organic metal complexes and at least one selected from aromatic hydrocarbon compounds and aromatic heterocyclic compounds.

Claim 7 (Original) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 6, wherein the aromatic hydrocarbon compound and the aromatic heterocyclic compound each described above each have a structure represented by the following Formula (1):



(1)

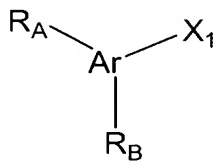
wherein Ar represents a substituted or non-substituted trivalent aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 30 ring carbon atoms or a substituted or non-substituted trivalent aromatic heterocyclic group having 3 to 20 ring carbon atoms; R_A, R_B and R_C each represent independently a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 30 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group having 3 to 20 ring carbon atoms or a substituted or non-substituted amino group; R_A, R_B and R_C each may be the same or different, and adjacent ones may be combined with each other.

Claim 8 (Original) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 6, wherein the aromatic hydrocarbon compound and the aromatic heterocyclic compound each described above each have a structure represented by the following Formula (2):

$$R_A—Ar'—R_B \qquad (2)$$

wherein Ar' represents a substituted or non-substituted divalent aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 30 ring carbon atoms or a substituted or non-substituted divalent aromatic heterocyclic group having 3 to 20 ring carbon atoms; R_A and R_B each represent independently a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 30 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group having 3 to 20 ring carbon atoms or a substituted or non-substituted amino group, and R_A and R_B each may be the same or different.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 2, wherein halides containing the halogen elements described above have at least one structure represented by the following Formulas (3) to (5):



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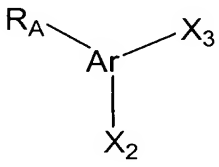

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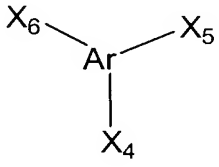

(5)

wherein Ar represents a substituted or non-substituted trivalent aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 30 ring carbon atoms or a substituted or non-substituted trivalent aromatic heterocyclic group having 3 to 20 ring carbon atoms; R_A and R_B each represent independently a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 30 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group having 3 to 20 ring carbon atoms or a substituted or non-substituted amino group; R_A, R_B and R_C each may be the same or different;

in Formula (3), X_1 represents a halogen atom;

in Formula (4), one of X_2 to X_3 represents a halogen atom, and the remainder represents a halogen atom or a hydrogen atom;

in Formula (5), at least one of X_4 to X_6 represents a halogen atom, and the remainder represents a halogen atom or a hydrogen atom; and

provided that when X_2 to X_6 are hydrogen atoms, Ar is reduced in a valency according to the number of the hydrogen atoms; and when two or more of X_2 to X_3 or X_4 to X_6 are halogen atoms, they may the same atom.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 1, wherein halides containing the halogen elements described above have structures represented by the following Formulas (6) and/or (7):

$$R_A—Ar'—X_1 \quad (6) \qquad\qquad X_2—Ar'—X_3 \quad (7)$$

wherein Ar' represents a substituted or non-substituted divalent aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 30 ring carbon atoms or a substituted or non-substituted divalent aromatic heterocyclic group having 3 to 20 ring carbon atoms; R_A each represents independently a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 30 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group having 3 to 20 ring carbon atoms or a substituted or non-substituted amino group;

in Formula (6), X_1 represents a halogen atom;

in Formula (7), one of X_2 to X_3 represents a halogen atom, and the remainder represents a halogen atom or a hydrogen atom;

provided that when X_2 to X_3 are hydrogen atoms, Ar' is reduced in a valency according to the number of the hydrogen atoms; and when two or more of X_2 to X_3 are halogen atoms, they may the same atom.

Claim 11 (Original) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 7, wherein in Formula (1), Ar is benzenetriyl, pyridinetriyl, pyrimidinetriyl or triazinetriyl.

Claim 12 (Original) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 8, wherein in Formula (2), Ar' is phenylene, biphenylene, pyridinediyl, pyrimidinediyl or triazinediyl.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 7, wherein the phosphorescent light-emitting layer comprises the aromatic hydrocarbon compound having the structure represented by Formula (1).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 8, wherein the phosphorescent light-emitting layer comprises the aromatic hydrocarbon compound having the structure represented by Formula (2).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 9, wherein the phosphorescent light-emitting layer comprises the halide having at least one structure represented by Formulas (3) to (5).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 10, wherein the phosphorescent light-emitting layer comprises the halides having the structures represented by Formulas (6) and/or (7).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 1, wherein the halogen element mass concentration described above is identified by inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS analysis) or a coulometric titration method.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 1, wherein a halogen element mass concentration of at least one halide contained in a material constituting a hole transporting layer, an electron transporting layer or a hole blocking layer which is adjacent to the light-emitting layer is 20 ppm or less.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) A material for an organic electroluminescent device in which an organic thin film layer comprising a single layer or plural layers comprising a phosphorescent light-emitting layer comprising at least a host material and a phosphorescent organic metal complex, wherein the halogen element mass concentrations of bromine, iodine and chlorine as impurities are 1 ppb to 50 ppm identified respectively by inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS analysis) or a coulometric titration method.

Claim 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Original) The material for an organic electroluminescent device as described in claim 19, wherein a halogen element mass concentration of bromine as an impurity is 30 ppm or less.

Claim 22 (Original) A phosphorescent organic metal complex, wherein the total amount of the halogen element mass concentrations of bromine, iodine and chlorine as impurities which are identified by inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS analysis) or a coulometric titration method is 1 ppb to 5 ppm.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended) A host material for ~~an~~ a phosphorescent organic electroluminescent device, the total amount of the halogen element mass concentrations of bromine,

iodine and chlorine as impurities which are identified by inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS analysis) or a coulometric titration method is 1 ppb to 5 ppm.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescent device in which an organic thin film layer comprising a single layer or plural layers comprising a phosphorescent light-emitting layer comprising at least a host material and a phosphorescent organic metal complex is interposed between a cathode and an anode, wherein the light-emitting layer comprises the phosphorescent organic metal complex as described in claim 22 and the host material as described in claim 23.